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Bacteria by Flow Cytometer

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.